



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 293**

February Session, 2016

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**AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OF  
THE SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-212f of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2016*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a School Nurse  
5 Advisory Council consisting of the following members:

6 (1) One representative from each state-wide bargaining  
7 representative organization that represents school nurses;

8 (2) One representative of the Association of School Nurses of  
9 Connecticut; [who is employed in a private or parochial school;]

10 (3) One representative of the Connecticut Nurses Association;

11 (4) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Public  
12 School Superintendents;

13 (5) One representative of the Connecticut Federation of School  
14 Administrators;

15 (6) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of

16 Education;

17 (7) Two school district medical advisors, one of whom is a member  
18 of the American Academy of Pediatrics;

19 (8) One representative of the Connecticut Association for Healthcare  
20 at Home who is a school nurse; [and]

21 (9) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Schools;  
22 and

23 [(9)] (10) The Commissioners of Education and Public Health, or the  
24 commissioners' designees who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members  
25 and shall attend meetings of the advisory council.

26 Sec. 2. Section 10-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

28 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall appoint one or  
29 more school nurses or nurse practitioners. Such school nurses and  
30 nurse practitioners appointed by such boards shall [be qualified  
31 pursuant to regulations] meet the educational requirements and other  
32 qualifications specified in regulations adopted in accordance with the  
33 provisions of chapter 54 by the State Board of Education in  
34 consultation with the Department of Public Health. Such school nurses  
35 may also act as visiting nurses in the town, may visit the homes of  
36 pupils in the public schools and shall assist in executing the orders of  
37 the school medical advisor, if there is any in such town, and perform  
38 such other duties as are required by such board. In addition to meeting  
39 such educational requirements and other qualifications, each school  
40 nurse or nurse practitioner shall complete the school nurse orientation  
41 program offered by the Department of Education, the Association of  
42 School Nurses of Connecticut and any regional education service  
43 center established pursuant to section 10-66a not later than one year  
44 after his or her date of hire, provided such school nurse or nurse  
45 practitioner has not previously completed the school nurse orientation  
46 program.

47     (b) Each local or regional board of education shall annually  
48     complete the Department of Education's health services program  
49     information survey.

50     ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or  
51     any regulation of Connecticut state agencies, nothing in this section  
52     shall be construed to prohibit the administering of medications by  
53     parents or guardians to their own children on school grounds.

54     ~~[(c)]~~ (d) School nurses and nurse practitioners appointed by or  
55     under contract with any local or regional board of education and any  
56     nurse provided to a nonpublic school under the provisions of section  
57     10-217a shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance  
58     with the provisions of section 29-17a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	10-212f(a)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2016	10-212

**PH**           *Joint Favorable Subst.*